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Dr. Burton
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31 August 1943

From: The Supply Officer in Command
To: The Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
Subject: Health Hazards Involved in Use of Vapor Slush
Degreaser - Information Requested

1. It is requested that the Medical Officer of this station be furnished with the Bureau's information relative to the health hazards involved in the installation and operation of the vapor slush degreaser.

2. The Medical Officer has been requested to advise on the health hazard aspect of the installation and use in a room in one end of a warehouse of the vapor slush degreaser, and he has had but little experience in the subject.

3. The vapor slush degreaser is a device for removing grease and slush from engine parts, and the principal ingredient in its operation is trichlorethylene in the vapor of which the engine parts are cleansed. These vapors are a health hazard when breathed, and trichlorethylene may do damage to the skin or eyes.

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By direction